

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

2624  
Box 500



Application Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
DETERMINING A SEED VIGOR  
INDEX FROM GERMINATING  
SEEDLINGS BY AUTOMATIC  
SEPARATION OF OVERLAPPED  
SEEDLINGS

Application No. : 09/591,432  
Applicant : McDonald et al.  
Filing Date : June 9, 2000  
Art Unit : 2621  
Examiner : Ryan J. Miller  
Attorney Docket No. : 22727.04060  
Customer Number : 24024

RECEIVED  
SEP 15 2004  
Technology Center 2600

Entered via  
RCE 9-7-04

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this communication is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service, with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 10th day of August 2004.

ROBERT R. LECH  
Print Name  
Robert R. Lech  
Signed

08/13/2004 CCHAU1 00000107 09591432

01 FC:2202 99.00 DA

08/13/2004 CCHAU1 00000107 09591432

02 FC:2201 344.00 DA  
07 FC:2202 344.00 DA

780 20